

**Bull's Eyes.**

(A Bisley Epic.)

The summer sun was sinking fast  
As swift through Working junction passed  
A youth, who from the far North came  
With but one thought, with but one aim—  
To make  
Bull's-eyes.

"Give up the chase," would Prudence hint;  
"Ware entrance fees, charged without  
stint;  
Beware the rains, the mirage haze."  
On Bisley still he fixed his gaze;

"I'll make  
Bull's-eyes."

'Mid gathering shades he reached the Camp,  
And joined the throng, who round the lamp  
With eager eyes the long list scanned;  
"What's in?" "What's counted out?"  
and d—d

The dropped  
Bull's-eyes.

Then strode he on, and to his tent,  
All thought still on one object bent;  
Yet slept he, as on bed of down,  
While earwigs scamp'ered o'er his crown;  
He dreamt  
Bull's-eyes.

When morning broke with gleams of grey,  
Forth sprang he then to meet the day  
So full of hope, so full of fate,  
That ere it's close might find him great,  
With those  
Bull's-eyes.

"Ah! rest thee, youth," the old hand said,  
"Here in this bucket cool thy head,  
And ere the moon, if thou hast sense,  
I'll take thee where fair maids dispense,  
What makes  
Bull's-eyes."

"Temp me not thus! I have been told  
How in past days, not yet grown old,  
Two trusty shots—I guard the name—  
Of Queen's and International fame,  
Sought there  
Bull's-eyes.

"Then strode they bravely o'er the heath;  
The figured board they lay beneath,  
Piled on a score, superb in size,  
And found—that for a Tyros' prize,  
They'd made  
Bull's-eyes.

"Fear have I too, ere close of day,  
A calm, cold voice may to me say—  
'Cease firing there! Five shillings pay;  
Wrong target hit; what name?'—and they  
Are all  
Bull's-eyes.

"Nay! with thy nostrum tempt me not;  
'Tis nerve and brain must guide each shot,  
Not 'bull's-eye mixture,' Heaven forfend!  
On self alone my hopes depend  
To make  
Bull's-eyes."

Forth walked he then. But on a mound,  
Late in the day, the youth was found  
Stretched at full length, with nerve-strung  
face;  
But on the board behind no trace  
Of those  
Bull's-eyes.

Then with sad heart and visage gray,  
Home to the North he took his way,  
And there, through snows of winter drear,  
Clings to the hope that still, next year,  
He'll make  
Bull's-eyes.

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